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From: Christine Psyk (cc Lynda Hall, Joelle Gore)

Re: Federal Agencies' Review of Oregon CZARA

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To date, NOAA and EPA have completed the following:

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- Sent letter dated June 30, 2014, to the agency heads at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Land Conservation and Development that NOAA and EPA intend to take final action by January 30, 2015, on the federal agencies' proposed determination that Oregon has failed to submit an approvable coastal nonpoint program.
- Established a process and schedule for reviewing and carefully considering all comments and developing responses to them. (June)
- Categorized all comments received into seven major categories and numerous subcategories to aid in review. (June)
- Set up five topic teams to lead review and discussion for various aspects of Oregon's program and prepare written responses to the comments and update the proposed decision rationales, as needed (i.e., new development, onsite sewage disposal systems, forestry-riparian areas, forestry-landslides, forestry-roads, forestry-pesticides, agriculture). (June)
- Held regular meetings for various groups (June to present):
  - Topic team (weekly): to discuss public comments, state submission, and potential responses to comments and changes needed to proposed decision rationales.
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  - Managerial team (monthly or more frequently as needed): to provide programmatic guidance to technical team and weigh in on critical decision points.
  - Legal team (monthly or more frequently as needed): to provide legal guidance to technical and managerial teams.
- Held initial discussions on the following aspects of Oregon's program in consideration of the public comments received and the state's response (new development, OSDS, forestry-landslides, forestry-pesticides, agriculture, forestry-riparian, forestry-roads). (May-July)
- Began drafting responses to comments and/or updating proposed decision rationales related to general program issues, new development, OSDS and forestry-landslides. (June-July)

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